

## Church News.

### DEDICATION.

June 28, was a happy day for the Brethren of Garrison, Ia. On that day at 2:30 o'clock, P. M., occurred the dedication exercises of the First Brethren church of that place. Brother E. L. Hildebrand preached the dedicatory sermon to a church full of people. There were as many more as were already in the church who came but were unable to gain admittance.

At close of a strong sermon subscriptions were taken on the debt, which was all raised except about one hundred dollars.

The history of this church is one more evidence of the truth that God causes all things to "work together for good to them that love God." The building was built by the Reformed Presbyterians, who after a few years of worship therein, united with the U. P's., and thus the house dedicated to God's service was left desolate. Through the good impression made by our Brethren on those who had built it, they were led to give it over to us. Our Brethren who lived there were members of the Enon congregation originally. Through many years they have been praying and waiting. Souls were added to their number slowly. Last winter they organized with an organization numbering twenty-nine. They then moved the building to Garrison, rebuilt it and now have one of the neatest and best churches in Garrison.

They have succeeded because they have prayed on amid the most discouraging outlook. Their faith has thus been rewarded. They aim to have preaching every two weeks.

Pray for them.

J. C. GILLIN.

LATER:—Just got back from a week's preaching at Garrison. One sister was baptized and received into the church. Attendance fair despite the fact that all the town was in a flurry in preparation for a celebration of the 4th of July.

### FROM DUNLAPS, IND.

Perhaps a few lines from this part of God's heritage may be of interest to the readers of the EVANGELIST. Since our last report the death messenger has visited the home of one of our deacons, and took a dear companion. Although she was not a member of our faith, yet we have reason to believe that she has fallen asleep in Jesus, and the brother has the sympathy of a host of friends.

We met on last Tuesday evening, July

7, and held our quarterly business meeting. Everything was done in accordance with God's word. If it pleases God in his wise providence, we expect to have a harvest meeting August 2. Also an entertainment in the evening in behalf of the K. C., Sunday-school, and S. S. C. E. All invited to meet with us.

The church is alive. We have some faithful workers, while we have some that are careless, and fallen asleep. Yet the good work goes on, with Brother Bemberfer at the helm. While he is weak physically we hope God will strengthen him, and give him health to proclaim the everlasting Gospel to a dying people. Oh, brethren, let us labor on, and not grow weary in God's service. May God's blessing rest upon all, and his name be glorified.

BELLE HIMEBAUGH.

### FROM DAYTON, O.

Duncan MacGregor, D. D., pastor of the Brethren church at Louisville, Ohio, came to this city Tuesday evening, July 7. His mission was in the interest of the Dayton Brethren church to ascertain its numerical strength, spiritual power, and the possibilities for a more aggressive work in the Brethren cause in this place. He seemed to be very favorably impressed with the Gem City.

The church was the subject of conversation. The writer suggested that the present organization disband, that the Ohio Mission Board send Brother MacGregor or some other equally competent man to start a nucleus entirely new, and in that way build up a church composed of members full of life and zeal and spiritual power.

The Doctor intended to remain in the city over Sunday and preach for us in the morning and evening, but on Wednesday afternoon he received a telegram requesting him to come home immediately on account of the sickness of his child. He left Dayton on the 9:43 P. M. train for Philadelphia. Subsequently another telegram announced the death of the child. Our hearts go out in sympathy for the dear brother and sister in their bereavement. The Lord bless them and give them grace to say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

S. KIEHL.

### FROM HUDSON, IA.

Some time has rolled around since there has been a report in the EVANGELIST from the church at Hudson. Sister Laura Grossnickle has been here and preached for us three soul-cheering sermons, and organized, or, rather converted our Aid Society into the S. S. C. E. We

began with some sixteen or eighteen members and several others have given in their names since. I hope we will ever succeed in the right through the strength of our dear Saviour.

By an accident our communion and the one at Enon, seven miles from Hudson, came on the same evening. We were sorry it happened so. This of course, helped to make our crowd smaller than for some time past. About fifty surrounded the tables, and I believe we had the most spiritual love feast we have ever had. We thank God for this, and I trust through these feasts we may go forth each time stronger for resisting the world's sins, and better fitted for the Christ-like living.

Yours in the faith.

MARY DIETZ, Cor. Sec.

### HOOSIER ECHOES.

The echoes from this part of God's vineyard are joyful indeed. Last month we held our children's exercises at Mt. Pleasant. The church is large, but it was far too small to hold the multitude that came to listen to the children speak and sing of their Redeemer. At our last appointment at Flora, one more was added to the church by relation. In the afternoon I preached in a school house about four miles from town. The house was crowded, and I left another appointment. It may prove a good mission point as it is in a somewhat dissatisfied German Baptist community.

The Ministerial Institute held at Flora, will certainly be of much benefit to that congregation, as the splendid class of ministers present will do much to overcome the influence of the two false shepherds who labored there some year ago.

On last Sunday morning brother W. H. Miller preached a good sermon at Mt. Pleasant. At the close of the evening service one came forward and received baptism the next morning. Brother J. C. Beal was with us over Sunday. We hope he will succeed in his work for the College.

Fraternally,

R. R. TEETER.

### MINISTERS TAKE NOTICE.

To the members of the National Ministerial Association: The annual dues of twenty-five cents per member will be due on Aug. 1. Please forward to the secretary so that he will not need to send personal letters to each member. Those who paid in advance last year, of course are exempt this year.

R. R. TEETER, Sec.

Rossville, Ind.